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AT THE FIRST DAY OF THE RED CROSS STAMP. During the first day of issue ceremonies attendant to the release of the Red Cross commemorative stamp, (left) president of the American Red Cross Society was presented with an autographed pane of the stamp by William J. Bray, (right) assistant postmaster general. Also sharing in the apparent all round happiness is Peter G. Keller, center, executive secretary of the American Stamp Dealers Association, the group which sponsored the exhibition and bourse where the stamp was released.

### Heart Attack Fells Ignatz Reiner, President Society Of Philatelic Americans

Death claimed one of the most genial and hard working men the hobby of stamp collecting has known for a long while. On November 29, Ignatz Reiner, president of the Society of Philatelic Americans succumbed to a heart attack while convalescing from an operation performed several days earlier, in a New York City hospital.

Reiner had but recently assumed the highest office in the SPA following his election at the annual convention of the society in New York City August 14 to 17.

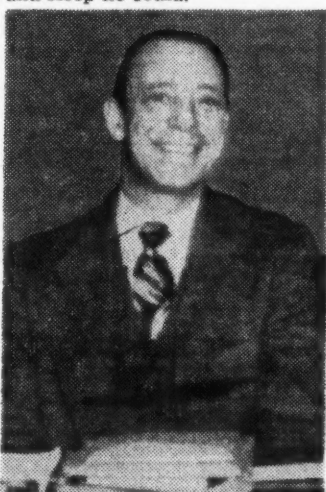
He was considered one of the society's hardest working and most faithful members and his election to the SPA presidency was generally considered an extremely popular choice.

Burial was on Wednesday December 3. Mr. Reiner is survived by his wife Rose, who assisted him in many of his philatelic projects and a collector in her own right.

Mr. Reiner was a native born New Yorker who practiced law for a living and who had climbed the ladder of life the hard way.

Stamp collecting started at age 14 but this had to be abandoned for many years after circumstances required that he study law in the morning at the Brooklyn Law School of St. Lawrence University, work from school closing each day til 11 p. m. each

night, and then get what studying and sleep he could.



Ignatz Reiner

His wife Rose, whom he married on graduation day, was the inspiration for his removing his stamp collection from the moth balls. Since then he has disposed (Continued on page 8)

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### National Guard, February, Ohio, Washington In March, Louisiana Purchase, April

Carl P. Rueth

To prevent the stamp issuing program from bogging down the early part of the new year, Postmaster General Donaldson of the outgoing Truman administration has chosen four stamps for issuance within the first four months of 1953. From there on, the responsibility for stamps rests on the shoulders of incoming Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, recently appointed to his cabinet by president-elect Eisenhower. The first will have a release date on February 23, two will appear on the same day, March 2, in almost opposite ends of the nation, and the fourth, April 30.

Three of the announced commemoratives were expected as sure things in the 1953 program, the Ohio Sesquicentennial of Statehood, the Washington Territorial and the Louisiana Purchase. The odd unexpected item is that for the National Guard.

Pending further information on the matter it can be presumed that the tribute to the National Guard is in the nature of an appreciation for services rendered to date as units of the United States Armed Forces.

The National Guard is not a part of the federal forces. It is a military unit which in theory and practice is raised from volunteers in the respective states to keep peace on the domestic scene, and to be used in the defense of the homeland only.

In World War II and in the current Korean "police action" some National Guard divisions were activated into the United States Army and served as a unit with, and under the direction of, United States Army Officers.

It will be of interest to many to learn that a man who was honored with a commemorative stamp in 1952, the Marquis de Lafayette, was instrumental in forming the first national guard anywhere.

The French Revolution really brought about the creation of a body of soldiers for protection of the homeland and to keep domestic peace in 1789. They were instituted in Paris on the suggestion of Mirabeau chiefly as a check on the Loyalists.

This military unit consisted of 48,000 men, and Lafayette was appointed its commander.

The National Guard issue will be released at Washington, D. C. on February 23.

Stamps to mark Ohio's Sesquicentennial of Statehood and Washington Territory Centennial will both have a first day on March 2. For Ohio, the date will be a day later than the actual on which it became the 17th state, March 1, 1803. Due to March 1 being a Sunday the postal recognition was shifted to the first business day.

Washington's anniversary is right on the nose for on March 2, 1853 the territory was set off from Oregon. At that time the southern boundary was the Columbia River to the 46th parallel near Walla Walla and hence East to the

Rocky Mountains thus including Idaho and a part of Montana.

Isaac I. Stevens was the first territorial governor, he served from 1853 to 1857. Highlights in Washington Territorial history were the discovery of gold and the subsequent influx of the "gold-hungry" which in turn brought on war with the Indians—the dispute with England over the setting of the boundary with Canada—the great Chinese agitation of 1885-86 when many of the orientals were deprived of their homes and possessions by mobs, some being murdered—and the final attainment of statehood November 11, 1889 made possible by the Omnibus Statehood Bill passed February 22, 1889 in which Congress made it possible for the two Dakotas, Montana and Washington to become states of the union. (See Four States commem of 1939).

First day ceremonies have been scheduled for Olympia, Washington March 2.

Until the area which is now Ohio became a part of the Northwest Territory it was almost devoid of all inhabitants and contained no settlements of size or note. During the American Revolution there were several Moravian settlements near the present site of New Philadelphia, but these were wiped out by Indians and renegade whites.

Marietta, considered to be the first permanent settlement, was founded by Massachusetts pioneers in 1788. Losantiville, now Cincinnati, and also on the Ohio River was founded about the same time as was Gallipolis another river town which had predominantly French citizens.

On April 30, 1802 the United States Congress authorized the election of delegates to a convention to determine whether a state (Continued on page 8)

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Orlando, Fla. has placed the following into daily use, "U. S. TREASURY-DEFENSE BOND-FLAG CITY".

From January 1 to June 10 the St. Louis, Mo. post office will have, "Washington - University - 1853 Centennial 1953".

For an entire year, beginning January 1, Ohio's first state capital, Chillicothe, will cancel with, "Ohio Sesquicentennial - 1803 CHILLICOTHE-1953 FIRST CAPITAL".

Saint Ansgar, Iowa will note its first 100 years with, "Saint Ansgar, Iowa-Centennial-June 26-28, 1953".

"Culver-Stockton College-Centennial-1853 - 1953" can be gotten at Canton, Mo. all next year from January 1.

Mount Carroll, Ill. advertises "Shimer College - Centennial - May 1853 - May 1953". Use will be from January 1 to May 31.

### Philatelist Relates Historical Discovery

The November 1952 number of the Collectors Club Philatelist, which came from press just before Thanksgiving Day, has as a feature article an original contribution by Edwin Mueller on the British Post Office at Bremen. The very existence of such an office was hitherto little known.

Mr. Mueller has not merely located the postal agreements and treaties, but an actual 1867 letter handled through this office. The comprehensive treatment of this short-lived British Office abroad, in the free city of Bremen, will be welcome to all interested in either Offices Abroad or Germany before the Empire.

Equally intriguing is the first modern treatment of the stamps of Bergedorf, by John H. Boker. Kohl Handbook translations, always a feature of the Collectors Club Philatelist, continue with the second half of Costa Rica, ably annotated in the light of contemporary knowledge by James Quigley and H. D. Mitchell.

Of immediate interest is H.D.S. Haverbeck's article on Philately Behind the Iron Curtain, indicating how that stamp trade is worked, how material is foisted on outside purchasers.

Inquiries can be directed to the Collectors Club, 22 East 35 St., New York 16, N. Y.

### Grossman Produces Large New Album

A grand new album, the "Monarch World Album", has appeared on the philatelic market edited and published by the Grossman Stamp Co., Inc., 581-C Sixth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. It is an outstanding production in many respects—there are spaces for more than 50,000 stamps on its 1063 large-size pages, and of that number there are more than 25,000 clear full-size stamp illustrations of the item which is to be mounted in each place.

Of particular interest to the collector who leans heavily to United States issues is the fact that the album includes a special section for plate blocks of four over and above the places for the usual items.

The collector who plans to pursue the Elizabeth II stamps as a special topic will find spaces for those produced to date plus pages for the Coronation stamps yet to come.

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Effective in the near future air mail service will be inaugurated at Alton-Wood River, Ill. on feeder route AM-107.

Special cachet will be provided for Alton and Wood River, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First flight air mail covers sent to the postmasters at Alton and Wood River must be prepaid at the appropriate air mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first flight covers.

All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of the cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or cancelling machine.

No provision will be made for point to point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

### Shipment Colonial Stamps Delayed

Collectors who had requested first day covers of the three Spanish Colonial "bird" sets are getting an unpremeditated possible bad deal from fate and the postal administrations advises Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain through whom many of the covers were to be serviced.

By November 23, so few stamps had been received, that the post offices advised that the new release date would be December 10, a time within a few days of the expected arrival of the steamer carrying the bulk of the issues.

Mr. Lenze advises that he was informed that all covers placed with the philatelic bureau for servicing were withheld pending the arrival of the major shipment. It was not stated whether such covers will then be cancelled with the November 23 postmark, or with the later one.

### Western Pacific Stamps For Sale

The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific advises that inquiries for stamps from the western Pacific area should be addressed to the postmasters of the respective colonies as follows:

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4. The judging will be based upon the following: A. philatelic knowledge which the author reveals in his writing; B. the subject or the theme of the article with a view of judging the author's sense of news or feature values; C. the general interest of the article to determine whether professional training will help the author to become a professional writer. Subject is unimportant.

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6. Entries will be returned only if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is inclosed with the entry.

### Waukegan Club To Mark 20th Anniversary

Their twenty years existence as a stamp club will be celebrated by the Lake County Philatelic Society on January 18. This Waukegan, Ill. group was founded in 1933 with 23 charter members.

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## DENMARK

This year's Christmas Seal has been given the form of composition which requires a full sheet of fifty to appreciate the entire design. The product is attractive in itself but certainly an imposition on the seal collector for now he will need a minimum of fifty seals per sheet and imperf to be complete. And if he will need the seven items contained in a progressive color proof set, the total comes to 450 items!

Quo vadis, I ask, for last year a block of six spelled "complete". This year it is a sheet of 50, and next year a half dozen sheets might be the tune.

## SWEDEN

In the booklet panes of the 10 ore green and 25 ore gray King Gustave VI Adolf design (Scott's #423-4) was recently noted two small nicks which have perplexed collectors. Many of them have written to me asking for an explanation. This is it, put briefly.

The modern Swedish stamp booklets are manufactured in a machine which is wholly automatic, and which takes the component parts of a stamp booklet in one end and turns out completed booklets at the other. In the starting end are fed the following:—

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—a roll of paper of the kind for covers of the booklet at hand, —the necessary printing ink for the cover imprints.

After proper folding in the machine, the stamp web meets, and is gummed, to the printed cover, and is intermittently fed to the severing knife for cutting in the unperforated stamp intervals.

This cutting is controlled and adjusted from the back of the stamp web, but as the print did not offer a really good means of making the knife cut in the proper place another method was tried. An extra perforating pin was introduced at the bottom subject in each unperforated interval. The single perforation which it made was so used for the control of the cutting, the intention being for the machine to cut through the place designated by these holes.

However, the innovation did not render the expected results and was abandoned after but a very short run, perhaps only after one loading of the booklet machine for each of the aforementioned stamps (about 9000 booklets each, or 180,000 stamps).

Authentic booklets, even single stamps mint or used are quite scarce for they were mostly used unnoticed and lost in the ordinary mail.



Jan. 17-18—Phoenix Philatelic Society, YMCA, Phoenix, Arizona.  
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## Jap Sheets For Park Investiture

Two more souvenir sheets will come from Japan in December, one was expected, the other comes in the nature of a surprise. The expected item is the one containing the four Bandai Asahi National Park stamps—the unexpected is a souvenir sheet containing one copy of each of the recently issued three marking the investiture of Crown Prince Akahito.

The Bandai Asahi set consists of 5, 10, 14 and 24 yen denominations which combined in the sheet will have a selling price of 60 yen. There were 100,000 printed, imperforate and ungummed.

The investiture has the 5, 10, and 24 yen values also imperforate and ungummed on the sheet. Quantity produced was not named by the Japanese Postal Administration.

First day of issue of the Parks sheet was December 10—the investiture is to appear December 23.

The annual New Year greeting stamp will appear on January 1. It will have a doll of "Sanbaso" in its design. Printing is by photo-gravure in sheets of 20 (4x5).

This same stamp will be produced in souvenir sheet form, four to the sheet, as a prize to sixth place winners in the national lottery. It will be released January 20.

## Long Time Subscribers Visit Linn's Offices

While visiting in this part of Ohio Mr. and Mrs. Philip Martsolf of Beaver, Pa. dropped into the offices of Linn's Weekly Stamp News to meet the staff.

Both the Martsolfs collect—Mr. Martsolf likes U. S., British Colonies and Elizabeth II material—Mrs. Martsolf collects several topics. They have subscribed to Linn's for many years considering it the best source of philatelic news and interesting articles printed anywhere.

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Contents of this paper published at regular intervals is concerned with the movement of the mails, mostly through, via the railroads, HPO's and other surface facilities.

Collectors interested in this field will probably find the Transit Postmark a distinct help. Publication office is at 517 Sevier St., Memphis 12, Tenn.

## Cancel Over 400,000 Red Cross FD Covers

A lot of stamps were sold on the first day of issue in New York City of the Red Cross commem., but no record amount of them were used on first day covers. A better than average number of FDC's were run through the cancelling machines, 439,252, November 21.

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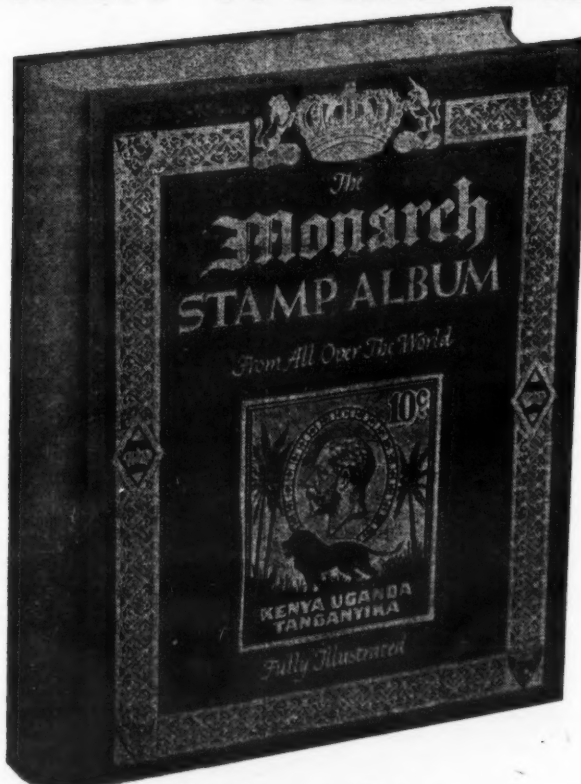
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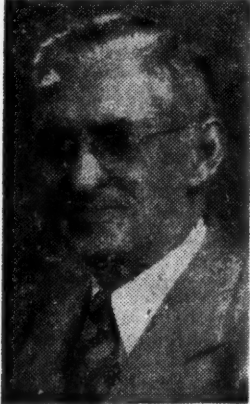
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GEORGE W. LINN

It was Linn's Weekly that first called attention to the need for revision of this postal treaty so that the stamps could be available as they should have been available for the public.

As is usual by those who have always urged the soft pedal in any comment about either the U. S. Post Office Department or the United Nations Postal Administration, these people will now try to take the bow for this new innovation, but the record as shown by published facts in the Philatelic Press will show that it was Linn's Weekly that was instrumental in bringing about this change.

Curiously enough too, when we were in New York at the ASDA show we met and had pleasant chats with various of the Government boys who are always on the big First Day jobs as well as with the new director in charge of the United Nations Post Office and our meeting with all was most cordial. These men knew that the setup for selling United Nations stamps was ridiculous and needed changing and in no way objected to our activity in bringing about this change which will be welcomed by collectors all over the world.

## After The Show

There is little use in saying much about the ASDA show in New York on November 21, 22, 23. It was by far the biggest yet held. The attendance was perhaps 10 to 20% greater than any previous show. Everyone was busy and presumably a good business was enjoyed by all. Outside the show we talked with one of the outstanding dealers in New York and when asked for a comment on business he remarked that he has found business good for the past eight years. He further remarked that some dealers have always been content to do enough business to get to the races each day or to do enough business to keep ahead of the game, but that for the dealer who really wanted to do business in a big way, there has been no lack of business in the past eight or ten years.

## Objects To Illustrations Law

A Topeka, Kansas newspaper man inquires about the possibility of changing the law regarding illustration of U. S. stamps. As this man points out the present law is such that it is causing a lot of newspapers and other publications, even philatelic weeklies to violate the law. This of course is not intentional, but done through careless lack of strict adherence to the law and because it only comes natural to do as they do.

For example, we find the standard newspaper column is 2 inches. Thus publishers run a full two inch wide picture of a new commemorative stamp in a single column. Now it so happens that the law regarding illustration of these commemorative stamps says that they must be 25% smaller than the actual stamp or 50% larger. To make them smaller would easily keep them in a single column, but it would not show the stamp up so well, so the publishers make a full single column cut which is 2 inch wide and slap that in the paper. There is where they are violating the illustration law, although without any thought as to the matter. A standard commemorative is 36mm wide. Fifty percent larger is approximately 55mm. Two inches is 51mm. Thus a two column cut is about 3/16th of an inch short of being 50% oversize. Papers using a 13 pica column come a bit nearer to keeping within the law, but even thus, are violating the law.

Our Topeka correspondent who is with the Topeka Daily Capital thinks the law should be amended to permit a two inch cut to be used. He states that he believes the Associated Press sends out regular 1 column mats of these commemorative stamps. If so the A.P. is doing so in violation of the regulations.

Certainly when we know of regulations in other countries regarding the picturing of stamps, one can only be amazed at what we have to put up with here.

## A New Postmaster General

Come January 20, we will have a new Postmaster General. This is perhaps the one cabinet post that has the most influence on our hobby. Just what Mr. Summerfield will do as regards issuing new stamps is a question that can only be answered by himself.

Jim Farley set an all time record for stamp issues in his days. Back in 1948 we began to wonder if Mr. Donaldson was not going to try to equal the Farley record.

Other than this we can not see where Mr. Donaldson has done anything outstanding. Under his administration the deficit has continued to grow.

We were told that perhaps a career man might make a good PMG and do some things that would cut the deficit, but just so long as the POD has to carry the load for all the Government agencies with which we are now burdened it is a certain fact that the deficit will continue to get bigger and bigger.

A few years ago there was a commission headed by Ex-President Hoover which made many recommendations for changes in our Government. Many of these recommendations concerned the P.O.D. Few if any of them have been given a real test but we do feel that they should be tried out for the sake of the economy that we need in all government offices.

We shall hope that Mr. Summerfield will give us an administration that will meet with the approval of the stamp collector as well as the public in general.

## 1952 Supplementary Pages

We have had a number of inquiries and orders for the pages to hold the U. S. stamps issued in 1952. These are not yet ready. We ask you to await the announcement that they are in stock and then place your order. This announcement will appear prominently in the pages of this paper.

## DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Well



"It's the old Dilby Home, you know—the place with the rooms all papered with old stamps. Riggs Stamp Co. bought it and are having it soaked."

## Czechs Picture Dragon Fighter

At Prague, Czechoslovakia November 15 and 16 was held the first State Congress of the Czechoslovak Red Cross and for the occasion that nation issued two stamps. Both have the same design that of a Red Cross nurse and a worker before factory buildings, and beneath a Red Cross flag and a dove held aloft by the nurse.



Denominations and colors are 2Kcs. brown and 3Kcs. red. A variety has been reported for the 3Kcs. in that a good part of the upper curve of the first "S" has been broken away in the word, "CESKOSLOVENSKO".

J. A. Svengsibr is credited with the graphical arrangement. Production occurred at the Printing Office Pravda in Bratislava in sheets of 100 by photogravure.

The first day of issue was November 15.



A second part of the proposed series to honor Mikolas Ales appeared November 18 in the form of two engraved stamps with denominations and colors of 2Kcs. dark brown and 3Kcs. dark green.

The designs each picture fragments of some of Ales' works, the low value Matej Louda z Chlumu and his army, and the high, Trutnov battling a dragon.

Karel Svoboda was responsible for the design, Jindra Schmidt the engraving.

Printing was in the Communications Ministry Printing Office in panes of fifty.

## 1953 STAMP PROGRAM

Feb. 23—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C.

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Honors, if any, are taken with a 2½d red to be released on December 19.

The design is almost identical, excepting the portrait, to the 1948 design, Scott type A12, picturing a mounted constable.

## Airmails For Aerial Survey Of Nation

A photographic survey of the tiny nation of San Marino was noted with the appearance of two stamps, both airmails, according to Pierson Ostrow of Elizabeth, N. J.



Each bears the inscription "Rilievo Fotogrammetrico" and shows a plane in flight above the country. Denominations and colors are 25 Lire sage green and 75 Lire brown and violet. G. Zanzoni was the designer.

Printing was on paper watermarked with a winged wheel by the Italian State Printing Office.

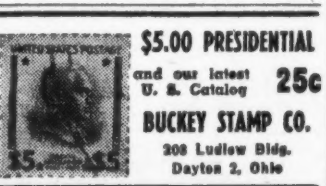
## France, Iceland Seals Colorful

A rather simple effective design graces the Christmas Seal from Iceland for 1952. It consists of a seven-branch candelabra with lighted tapers centered in a wreath of evergreen. Colors are dark blue, yellow, green and red.



Inscriptions are "JOL 1952" and "BARNAPPELDISS JODUR-THOR-VALDENSFELAGSINS".

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By CARL P. RUETH

There should be little argument about the worthiness of the four stamps announced by the Post Office Department for early 1953. The two which might have been left out are the Washington Territorial and the National Guard. But you could hardly do that for the policy has been established that territorial anniversaries are recognized, and since other branches of the military have been recognized, you could not leave out the National Guard. The Guard has fought as a federal force in World War II and now in Korea.

It is to be regretted that a notable event as the Louisiana Purchase is to be shunted off with another 3-center. Here is an event of great national importance which should have been recognized with a small set at least, say 1c, 2c, 3c and 5c values.

We all know, or should, that the Louisiana Purchase was the subject of a set of five commems issued April 30, 1904 in conjunction with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo. Denominations here were 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, and 10c.

I like them, but they were issued before my time, and my enjoyment didn't start until later years when I was able to buy a single of each for my collection.

There certainly is a definite need for 1c, 2c and 5c commems, and the Department should produce them regularly. It is as much in a rut producing nothing but 3-centers as it was some years ago when it issued hardly anything but stamps with a purple color.

1. Can you name the four men pictured on stamps of the Louisiana Purchase issue?  
2. The fifth stamp of the same set pictured what?

Those of you who can remember that far back (!) will recall that prior to the elections on November 4 partisans of the candidates for president used covers cacheted with pictures and slogans of Eisenhower and Stevenson.

Everett Klaas of Bellaire, Ohio cooked up an item which I believe would merit the autograph of president-elect Eisenhower if it were brought to his attention.

The cachet is an "I Like Ike — America's Choice" above and beneath a picture of him. The payoff consists of the 3c White House stamp of the National Capital Sesquicentennial series of 1950 tied to cover with the "Winner, S. Dak." postmark, cancelled on November 4.

Like I keep tellin' you chilluns, you can have the unusual just by an ordinary exercise of cleverness, originality and wide-awakeness.

Alan Severn of Toledo, Ohio offers a correction to an answer I gave to one of the two usual questions in the December 8 column. I asked "Can you name the last two stamps in the same colors as the Red Cross stamp of 1952, carmine (or red) and blue?"

I answered, the 6c airmail of May 14, 1938 and the \$5 of the 1922-25 issue of March 20, 1923.

Mr. Severn points out that "The last one instead of the \$5 should be CE-2, the 16c airmail special delivery of 1936. If you include airmails you should also count the air-special."

As stated the question would be correctly answered by Mr. Severn's suggestion. But when I wrote stamps I had in mind regular postage items such as the ordinaries and airmails, and not the special services stickers such as the special deliveries, special handling, registry and parcel post issues.

Received an entry in the 5th

Annual Design Derby from Eugene Pysh of Carnegie, Pa. with a fine motif cacheted on the envelope. It reads, "I VOTED, DID YOU?"

How about it, you people who have been putting it off? Use the ballot below or a facsimile. One thing you should have learned from the national elections is that every vote counts—in the Design Derby, too.

## 5TH ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY

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Red Cross			

Worst design

Least necessary

Design most appropriate to the

subject

Send them to Carl P. Rueth, Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Sidney, Ohio.

Irving Lerman of New York City raises the question whether the block opposite the register markings on panes of the Red Cross stamp will have any extra value since there is but one per pane.

The register marks by the way are the crosses in the selvage a larger thin-lined one in blue, and a thicker-lined one in red but smaller, between the fifth and sixth stamps from the top. For a perfect registering of the Red Cross in the stamp design both crosses should be perfectly mated.

We have had such things on bi-colored stamps before and they have been valuable. But I can hardly conceive of much value when a stamp is produced to the tune of 110 million. Most plate blocks of the last ten years are a drug on the market, and they have been more valuable than any blocks with special markings on them.

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This matter of peelable hinges upset the happy life of one ardent stamp sticker. Wrote that he had yet to find the first of them which could be removed from a mint stamp with all the ease described in the advertisements.

He mentioned some of the brands he had tried. Since I had had success with this same merchandise, it was obvious that the tool was good but the workman was uninformed.

In an exchange of letters I learned that he wasn't too careful when he wetted the hinge and when he put it on the stamp he always pressed it in place with

his finger.

Under that system I doubt if the man ever will have a peelable item.

It must be understood that you moisten the hinge gum and not slurp all over it. You won't need to get the entire surface tacky, just a part, the adherence with the album page or stamp will take place.

After you have moistened it place the hinge against the stamp and do not press it in place. Let the combination rest a minute to dry before you put it on the page.

If you "place" the moistened hinge against the gum of the stamp an adhesion takes place. But if you put the hinge to the stamp gum by pressing it on, a "bonding" takes place which unifies the hinge gum and the stamp gum.

There are hinges which are not peelable under any conditions—they're poor quality. If you have to use them up do so on used stamps where they can be soaked off later. If you have a new brand of which you are not sure try a few of your mints for peelability before going ahead with a full scale mounting program.

1. Livingston, Jefferson, Monroe and McKinley.
2. A map of the U. S. with the Purchase clearly indicated.

## Substantial Gift To Fellow Members

One of the finest exemplifications of friendly and generous philately was made to the members of the Philatelic Group of Boston at a recent meeting. The club has many prominent collectors who pursue their stamp collecting with gentility.

Member Dr. John A. Rockwell had secured a lot of covers each bearing a copy of the 5c 1847. At the last meeting every member in attendance was presented with one of the covers by Dr. Rockwell. The donor will undoubtedly be remembered a long time for his unselfishness.

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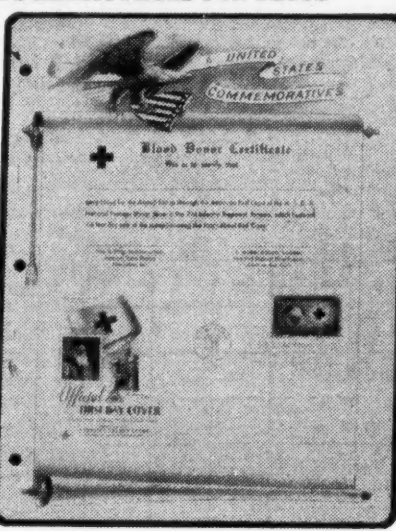
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### Issue Two For Lions' Convention

Lions International, the well known noontime service club, will be honored with a commemorative set of two stamps on the occasion of the Third Lions District Convention at Baguio, Philippines April 3 to 5.



The stamps had a first day of issue approximately four months earlier than the dates of the get-together on December 15.

Both will have identical designs that of Wright Park in Baguio, a top tourist attraction, and the Lions' emblem. Denominations and colors are 5c orange and 6c green.

Because of the short notice given for this issue it is expected that the Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila, Philippines will accept first day covers for servicing even though their arrival is after the release date. Collectors planning to order first day covers are urged to mail their material immediately.

The Philippine Bureau of Posts will supply a cachet and a special postmark to all first day covers if requested.

Purchase of the stamps at face value plus return postage can be made from the Philatelic Division. Currently the Philippine Peso (100 centavos) is equal to 50c U. S. money.

### Small Edition Of Barbados Cent Set

Earlier this year, the British Colony of Barbados issued a set of four stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first Barbados postage stamps.

The Crown Agents of London have now reported the total quantities issued of each, figures indicating that a total of but 219,187 complete sets were possible this being governed by the 24c denomination. Quantities of the remaining three were: 3c—514,860; 4c—271,120; and 12c—339,854.

Also revealed by the Crown Agents was that the Fiji Health semipostals would be withdrawn from further sale on December 31.

### Koberg Re-Elected By Dixiana Stampers

Henry C. Koberg was re-elected to the presidency of Dixiana Stampers at the recent annual meeting of the club. This New Orleans, La. group of collectors meets regularly the first Friday of each month at 4411 Eden St., the club's permanent headquarters.

Elected vice president was Elwood J. Briggs; treasurer, Camille Austin; and secretary, James G. Murphy.

The "Stampers" are unique as stamp clubs go for in spite of a most nominal yearly dues, they have substantial prizes awarded at a drawing each meeting.

### Complete Andorra Definitive Issue

The remaining four stamps needed to complete the definitive issue for the Spanish post office in Andorra, begun in 1948, have now been released according to Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain.

These are a 5 centimos orange of the Edelweiss design, Scott type A10; a 10c dark blue, also type A10; a 25c yellow in the Provost design, Scott type A6 and a 4 Pesetas light blue in the Map design, type A11.

Mr. Lenze advises that the Spanish TB stamps for 1952 have as yet not been released—these are values of 5, 10 and 25c. Also to be seen are the previously announced 25 and 50 Pts. airmails.

### Philadelphia Chapter Of A.T.A. Formed

A recent meeting of interested collectors at the National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia resulted in the formation of a chapter of the American Topical Association there. Homer L. Jones, ATA 2nd vice president was present for the charter ceremony.

Dr. W. H. Perkins was elected president. There are three vice presidents these being respectively Mrs. Evelyn P. Chapman, Rev. Harold P. Melcher and A. M. Weil. The secretary is Elmer Brion of Haddonfield, N.J. and the treasurer Mrs. Olga Domanski.

Meetings are to be held regularly at the Museum the second Wednesday night of each month. Interested collectors are invited to attend.

This same group will be the hosts for the second annual International Topical Exhibition and Convention at the Museum. The exhibition will be a month long, from June 15 to July 15; the convention June 19 to 21. William H. Wilson, 2208 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia 25, Pa. is general chairman and will send information relative to the show or bourse.

### Jacobsen Heads Dayton Collectors

The recommendations of the nominating committee were accepted unanimously by members of the Dayton, Ohio Philatelic Society. The entire slate was welcomed to office in recent balloting with not a dissenting vote.

Various offices were filled by the following who have all been most active in the affairs of the group: president, Bernard Jacobsen; vice president, Harold Wilson; secretary, Carl Soendlin, 1407 Viola Ave., Dayton, Ohio; and treasurer, Don Swart.

Meetings to which all interested collectors are invited are held the first and third Mondays at the Loretto in downtown Dayton.

### March Show Dates At Terre Haute, Ind.

Late March dates have been chosen by the Wabash Valley Stamp Club for their annual exhibition. The Wabash Room of the Terre Haute House, Terre Haute, Ind. will be the scene of the two day session March 28 and 29.

Highlight of the affair will be the banquet on Saturday evening the 28th. Exhibitors or dealers can get further information from Mrs. Rex Johnson, Box 152, North Terre Haute, Ind.

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### 1941 India Seal Reprinted

During World War II, an American missionary, Dr. Sherwood Hall, was forced to leave his post in Korea and was assigned to India. After arriving in India he started issuing seals to help raise funds for combating tuberculosis.



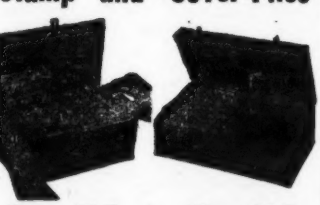
The first of these seals were issued in 1941 and have continued yearly to date. Compilation of data regarding all the various issues is under way and as soon as sufficiently complete will be presented in an article in this column.

The 1941 seal proved very popular and the original printing was very soon sold out. For several years Dr. Hall was the recipient of requests from collectors and dealers for copies of this first seal but was unable to fill them. Finally, this year, he decided to have a reprinting of the seal in order to satisfy the demand and 1,000 sheets (25 seals per sheet) were reprinted.

While a very excellent job was done in the reprinting and the colors were matched very closely, as usual, it was not possible to turn out a seal which could not be distinguished from the original printing. The paper used in reprinting the seals was slightly heavier than that used on the original issue (3 1/2 thousandths in thickness as against 2 1/2 thousandths on the original). Perforations on the reprint are very poor and it is difficult to tear the seals apart, while on the original the perforations were much sharper and distinct.

The yellow color in the reprint is a much more brilliant yellow than the original and the other colors show a slight difference when compared with the original seal. All of the copies of the reprint so far seen are very poorly centered but whether this is a general condition or not is not known. At the bottom of each sheet is printed "Reprint of India's first seal".

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**GOLD COAST.** On December 19 Gold Coast will release a 2½ pence stamp with change of Royal portrait, design and color. This is the first of the new Queen stamps to appear from any of the colonies, and is probably one of the five new Elizabeth II stamps recently reported as ordered from the printer.

**ADEN.** A new definitive issue for Aden has been ordered from Waterlow & Sons. The design will include a portrait of the new Queen. The title and values will appear in both English and Arabic. There will be twelve values from 5c to 20 shillings and some will be two-colored.

**BRITISH HONDURAS.** A new definitive issue has been ordered for this colony, all of which will show a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. There will be twelve values from 1c to \$5.00 and all will be printed in two colors.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS.** A new 4 pence stamp has been ordered from the printers. The design will

include a portrait of Her Majesty and will feature the Lighthouse, South Sound, Grand Cayman. The colors will be black vignette and blue border.

**BARBADOS.** A new 5c value stamp has been ordered for Barbados and will include a portrait of Elizabeth II and will feature the Harbor Police. Colors—blue vignette and carmine border.

**FIJI.** The recently issued Fiji Health stamps will be withdrawn from sale on December 31, 1952. It was previously announced that they would remain on sale as long as the supply lasted.

**BARBADOS.** The total number of the Barbados Centenary stamps sold are as follows: 3c—514,860; 4c—271,120; 12c—339,854; 24c—219,187.

From this it will be noted that only 219,187 complete sets, mint or used can exist. This is quite small for a commemorative set from a popular colony. This set is still available here at a moderate price.

### Sixth Bulletin For Americana Collectors

Just released by the Americana Unit, of the American Topical Association is its sixth bulletin. Seven pages of the bulletin give an annual report of the activities of Americana Unit, new issues pertaining to Americana, bibliography, and two interesting articles: "Arrangement by Subject", by Henry L. Buzzard and "Starting My Americana Collection", by Francis N. Catt.

A copy can be obtained by writing to Catherine D. Caspary, 37-36 93rd St., Jackson Heights, 72, N. Y.

### Club Schedules One Day Jamboree On L. I.

Facilities for a big philatelic afternoon will be on hand when the Freeport Stamp Club will hold its annual philatelic round-up and jamboree at the American Legion Hall, Sunrise Highway and Grove St., Freeport, Long Island from noon to 6 p. m. Sunday December 23.

Besides the bourse staffed by dealers of the area, tables are to be provided at which collectors can engage in swapping. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

### Quality Material Much In Demand

The important four-session 1676 lot auction of United States held on November 10, 11, 12, 13 by H. R. Harmer, Inc., New York City resulted in crowded rooms each day competing with very extensive mail bidding.

The auction comprised the collection of covers formed and offered by order of Dr. Lauder W. Jones of Los Angeles, the major portion of the collection formed and offered by order of L. K. Mulford of Reno, Nevada, the collection formed and offered by order of Eugene Cooper of San Diego, and a further portion of "The Stamps of Y. Souren" received from the estate.

In the Stampless Cover section, a "full rigged ship" strike of Philadelphia brought \$67.50, an allegorical figure of New York \$65 and an 1854 ship letter with Norfolk and San Francisco markings \$67.50.

Of the 1847 issue six lots exceeded catalogue. An 1851-57 1c type II used with a strip of three 3c brought \$32; a type IV pale blue on circular \$24; a strip of three on cover \$46; a single with 3c claret, irregular strip of three on cover \$46.

A superb 10c green, type I (cat. \$65) went at \$110, and a very fine dark green, \$62. Of the type II, a copy on cover (cat. \$20) with Imprint and Pl. No. but scissors cut, tied with Ocean Mail cancel excited keen competition, selling at \$140.

In the Columbian issue a 4c error of color, o. g., with tiny paper flaw sold at \$670. The 1901 1c inverted center, o. g. but gum disturbed brought \$390 and a straight edge, thinned, part o. g. 2c invert \$750.

Top price of the auction was for the 1916-17 imperf 5c error in the center of a never hinged block of nine which sold at \$1150 against catalogue of \$1250.

The very rare embossed Revenue 1765 2sh6p — the so-called "Boston Tea Party" stamp (RM31a, cat. \$75) — was run to \$130. Top price in a group of "Duck" stamps in plate blocks of six was \$165 for the 1935 \$1, cataloguing \$160.



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### DIXIE ROUNDUP

The Dixie Precancel Club will hold its annual meeting at the Seminole Hotel, in Jacksonville, Fla. January 24-25. We hope to make this the best ever held in the south. Make plans to attend now. Make reservations directly with the hotel.

### NATO's

I can report Harrison, Ark.; Reed Springs, Mo. These I have seen. Reported to me are: Bolivar and Lebanon, Mo.; Fort Sumner, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Los Alamos, and Fairview, New Mexico.

### UNITED NATIONS PRECANCEL

In trying to get a cross section from collectors on the issuance of this stamp, the consensus seems to be that of, wait and see. One collector stated that he wanted one badly for his collection but that until it was proved that the ones offered were recovered from mail or that they were offered somewhere in the normal range of precancel Town values, he would wait. As mentioned previously there quite possibly is a STORY behind the things and NOT the one about the need for stamps that was released in the press.

### REINER

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most of his foreign retaining an interest in Tibet, Manchukuo and Channel Island material. Of course, his collection of the U. S. "Black Jacks" is a well known prize winner.

Reiner had been a member of the SPA for 26 years during which time he served as a director for eight years and a vice president for four.

He was member of many of the clubs of the New York City area and spent two and three nights a week making their rounds.

### FOUR COMMEMS

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government should be established. The convention sat at Chillicothe November 1 to 29 and adopted a constitution which was not submitted to the people.

An election for members of an Ohio Legislature was decreed for January 11, 1803 which members then met for the first time March 1. In the meanwhile Congress declared that when Ohio had adopted a constitution it became a state of the union even though there was no state government.

The first capital was at Chillicothe and remained there until 1810 when it was moved to Zanesville. In 1816 Columbus became the capital city which it still remains.

Release of the Ohio stamp will be made at Chillicothe on March 2. The first day of issue for the Louisiana Purchase Sesquicentennial occurs on the actual 150th anniversary date when the sale of the area was completed between France and the United States, April 30, 1803.

Spanish territory to begin with, the United States learned that via the secret treaty of San Idelfonso in 1800 Spain ceded the area to France. This was not good news to the Americans.

President Jefferson made known to France that any attempt on her part to take over and govern the territory would be opposed by the United States.

Fortunately, from the American viewpoint, France and England had a renewal of their almost constant warfare and Napoleon believed he could not supply sufficient military forces for both scenes of action. He therefore instructed his prime minister, Talleyrand, to enter into negotiations with U. S. minister James Monroe for the purchase of the area.

Thus was added to the United States over one million square miles plus the incentive to extend national limits to the Pacific.

St. Louis, Mo. which was the site of the large international exposition commemorating the Purchase from April 30 to December 1, 1904 will be the scene of the first day of issue.

Since each of the announced stamps can be tied in with issues of other years it will give cover fans an opportunity to a field day in preparing historical combinations on their envelopes.



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